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SUBJECT: FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT ON GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE

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1. "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF JUNE 6 CARRIES FURTHER ANTI-TURKISH EDITORIALS BY CHIEF ED KYROU. LONGER EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "COMEDY OF CARDALI", MAINTAINS THAT MISSION OF TURKISH EXPLORATION SHIP WAS "FIASCO" SINCE VESSEL NOT EQUIPPED FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC WORK. RESULT OF EPISODE, ACCORDING TO KYROU, IS THAT "GREEK NAVY NOW PRESENT AT MYTILENE". EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT TURKS REALIZE HOW "INFERIOR" GOT ARMED FORCES ARE TO THOSE OF GREECE AND NOW DEMANDING "NEW MILITARY AID FROM US".

2. IN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "TO CONSTANTINOPLE S. ", KYROU REVERTS TO EARLIER ARTICLE RE GREEK ABILITY TO RETAKE ISTANBUL (REF). EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT SLOGAN, "ON TO CONSTANTINOPLE", NOW WIDESPREAD IN XANTHI, KOMOTINI, AND ALEXANDROUPOLIS AND "WILL SPREAD ALL OVER GREECE" IF TURKS TAKE
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AGGRESSIVE ACTION. EDITORIAL ALSO CLAIMS THAT

"VORRAS" RECEIVING NUMEROUS LETTERS AND CABLES
SUPPORTING PAPER' S STAND AGAINST TURKEY.

3. ARTICLE IN SAME PAPER FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
IN NICOSIA REPORTS STATEMENT OF TURKISH LAW PROF
VERTEZIOGLOU IN ANKARA RE GOT POSITION ON
TERRITORIAL WATERS. SAME ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT,
ONCE DATA FROM CANDARLI PROCESSED, OIL EXPLORATION
BY GOT IN AEGEAN WILL RESUME IN LATE JUNE.
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